Welcome to the final edition of the Faculty of Arts & Education’s Bulletin for 2016. Wishing everyone across our new Faculty that happiest of times over the holidays with loved ones. This bulletin is filled with lovely photos, successes of all kinds and ends with a wish for peace on earth...

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- **HDR Candidate News**
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  *What a treat to end the year!*
  *Congratulations to all graduates and their supervisors....*
Welcome new candidates

Welcome to the following candidates who will be commencing in 201730:

- **John Riddell** in the **School of Communication and Creative Industries**. John will be an distance candidate and will be supervised by Neill Overton and Damian Candusso.
• David Clarke in the School of Theology. David will be an distance candidate and will be supervised by Jeffrey Aernie and David Neville.

• Rebecca Spokes in the School of Education. Rebecca will be studying on the Albury campus and will be supervised by Noella Mackenzie and Michael Curtin (School of Community Health).

• Valerie Tillett in the School of Teacher Education. Valerie will be an distance candidate and will be supervised by Sandie Wong and Tamara Cumming.

Congratulations – Research Proposal Approvals

Congratulations to the following candidates who have recently had their research proposal formally approved by the Research Advisory Committee and can now move on to the next exciting step in their doctoral research:

• Danielle Treweek, School of Theology - The End of Singleness? Towards a Theological Ethic of Authentic Purpose and Belonging for the Unmarried

• Lucia Wursch, School of Communication and Creative Industries – Transactional Analysis in Organisations: A Case Study Exploration of Berne’s Theory with a Focus on Communication

• Sophie Kurylowicz, School of Communication and Creative Industries - Designing Theatre for the Very Young: New concepts for the role of design in the creation of Theatre for the Very Young

Congratulations Mark Lee

Mark Lee, PhD Candidate in the School of Education has just been named a Fellow of the Australian Computer Society (ACS). From the ACS website: A Fellow of the Australian Computer Society is a person who has made a distinguished contribution to the field of Information and Communications Technology in Australia.

With University of Wollongong colleagues Sasha Nikolic, Christian Ritz, Farzad Safaei, Tom Goldfinch and Wanqing Li, Mark has received the 2016 ASCILITE Innovation Award, for the project entitled Improving transnational and industry-supported student engagement through immersive videoconferencing in a 3D virtual environment. Information about this award can be found on the ASCILITE website

With these same colleagues, Mark has received the 2016 Engineers Australia / AAEE Award for Engineering Education Engagement, for the same project. Information about this award can be found on the Engineering Australia website.

Bootcamps – December & January

All research writers, including doctoral researchers and any other staff or students who would like to join us, are invited to get a burst of progress on your writing in the holiday months.

Thursday 19th of January - online or f2f in Wagga

If you would like a calendar invitation for either of these, with the schedule, locations and links, email Cassily Charles - ccharles@csu.edu.au
Attention students submitting on or before March census date

In order to avoid delays in the examination process please ensure examiners are finalised up to two months before the thesis is submitted. Although candidates should not know who their final examiners will be they should initiate a discussion with their supervisors early on to identify researchers with expertise in the field who could provide a fair and balanced assessment of the work.

Candidates are also encouraged to state who they would not want as an examiner, for example where they are known to have strongly opposing views, methodologies and/or practices.

The Principal Supervisor is then asked to contact potential examiners and complete the Notification of Readiness to Submit Thesis & Appointment of Examiners form and forward to the Sub Dean Associate Professor Margaret Woodward for review.

For any questions regarding the process please contact Leanne Phillips

Research Higher Degree Scholarships and Recent Changes

Our 2016 research higher degree scholarship round for applicants aiming to commence in 2017 closed on the 31st October. Outcomes should be known around mid-December.

The Commonwealth recently announced new rule changes concerning block grant funding of research training. The Research Office is currently considering how these changes can be best suited to meet the needs of CSU's HDR applicants.

The aim is to ensure we can support the students who will perform best within our applied and profession-focussed research areas. They will also be assessing if the funding rules will enable us to expand our support of international students where we have a strong demand but currently limited capacity.

Read more background on the changes at Innovaton.gov.au

The Second Indigenous Research Summit
The first Indigenous Research Summit (Faculty of Education) was held on Wagga Wagga campus in December 2015. It focussed on researcher standpoint, key issues to consider for rewarding research partnerships with Indigenous Australian communities, and discussions on Indigenous research ethics following a presentation from the Chair of the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee.

The Faculty’s second Indigenous Research Summit that was held December 7-8 in the incredibly warm and welcoming space of the Yarradamarra Centre at TAFE Western. Aunty Di McNaboe graced us with a Welcome to Country sung in Wiradjuri language urging us to speak, listen, and learn well. Many of the participants from last year, made the trek to Dubbo to continue the process of engaging with some of the fundamental considerations for engaging effective research to benefit Indigenous Australian communities. Three of whom presented on the micropanels this year.

The significance of the Indigenous research pillar to the CSU Research Narrative was overviewed on the first day, in particular how the words bolded only become meaningful in context:

“Working in partnership with Indigenous communities, research is conducted by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff with an underlying respect towards different knowledge sources, ways of doing, and ways of being.”

Distinguished and knowledgeable keynote speakers led each day with exceptional presentations:

Dr Lesley Rameka from the University of Waikato, Reclaiming, Reframing and Realising Maori ways of knowing, being and doing in early childhood education, and, Professor Maggie Walter from the University of Tasmania, Indigenous statistics, Indigenous quantitative methodologies and using the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children
While using early childhood data, each presenter provided much broader understandings about methodological approaches in Indigenous research and in data analysis. Extremely valuable for researchers from all disciplines.

Faculty staff came from the Schools of Theology, CCI, HSS, and Teacher Education. We were also lucky to have the Director (VET Delivery) from NSW TAFE, a highly experienced TAFE teacher in Indigenous governance, and a representative from Office of Heritage and Environment to assist in defining “industry” and to stimulate conversations around what industry needs are in respect research.

Panel presenters included experienced researchers to PhD students, Indigenous Australian, non-Indigenous Australian, Indigenous non-Australian, and culturally and methodologically diverse research team.

For most participants this became an opportunity for networking and having conversations about big-picture issues as a way of building a firm foundation and framework for Indigenous research in the faculty. Thank you so much to the participants who gave critical feedback that will assist to improve the next summit. One participant (Yvette) suggested that webinars be run between now and the next summit. These will be based on suggestions from participants at this year’s summit. A big thank you to Lisa McLean and Amy Towney for extraordinary event organising.

Congratulations to Peter Simmons and Michael Mehmet. Peter and Michael (supported by the Institute for Land, Water and Society) have been awarded a NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) grant for research using social media and interviews to explore approaches to shark management in populated coastal areas. Peter and Michael will be working with Associate Professor Rod Clarke from the University of Wollongong's (UoW). Read more about the study on CSU News.

Helen Blake, PhD Candidate, School of Teacher Education, is interested in your experiences and opinions about the relationship between your English language skills and your ability to participate in society in Australia. That includes participating in lectures and tutorials as well as social events and in making friends. If you are happy to complete Helen's 10 minute survey, follow this link to research.net.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email heblake@csu.edu.au

Linda Ghys and Simone Grey from the School of Indigenous Australian Studies recently presented at Reimagining Australia: Encounter, Recognition, Responsibility, International Australian Studies Association Conference held at the Centre for Human Rights Education at Curtin University. Linda presented on her doctoral research The demon Other: Pacific young men as scapegoats in Australia's newsprint media.
Rachael Jefferson-Buchanan from the School of Education presented a PhD-related paper in Sydney entitled *Exploring the gender-constructed body across time in UK physical education through a feminist framework* at the International Society for Engineers and Researchers (ISER). This has now been published in their conference proceedings and Rachael thanks a scholarship from CSU’s Leadership Development for Women for making this possible.

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**Closing off direct submissions to MyResearch for outputs**

Due to the forthcoming change in repository and upgrade to the MyResearch system, direct submissions of research outputs to MyResearch are now closed. All research outputs must now be submitted via one of the online forms located at the CRO page.

Research outputs can be submitted via the forms which will be managed by the Research Outputs team who will ensure they are correctly recorded and transferred to the new systems. You will still be able to log in to MyResearch to view your outputs, however you will not be able to edit existing records; therefore all record change requests and enquiries regarding online form submissions need to be directed to the Research Outputs team at rmpublications@csu.edu.au.

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**Professional academic and thesis editing**

As of 2017, Kim Woodland (previously with RIPPLE) will be available as a freelance editor to provide a professional editing service in education and the social sciences. She has over 20 years of experience in writing, editing and communications and is also an experienced language editor.

Kim is able to assist with books, book chapters, journal articles, conference papers, research reports, grant proposals and theses. She has worked on manuscripts for a number of academic publishers and is familiar with a range of style guides and referencing formats.

For more information, please see [www.kimwoodlandediting.com](http://www.kimwoodlandediting.com) or contact Kim at kwoodland@westnet.com.au.

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**Staff Leave Dates over Christmas/New Year**
These are the current leave arrangements for Faculty of Arts and Education Research staff over the festive period:

Prof Linda Harrison – currently on leave and returning 4th January
A/Prof Margaret Woodward – Friday 23 December – returning Monday 9 January
Lisa McLean – Friday 23 December – returning Tuesday 3 January
Leanne Phillips – Thursday 22 December – returning Wednesday 4 January

➢ And finally...Peace on Earth

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All the very best for a happy festive season with your loved ones, and a very happy New Year

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